

Appl. No. 10/634,506  
Amdt. dated December 3, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of August 5, 2004

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Please enter the foregoing amendments to the claims.

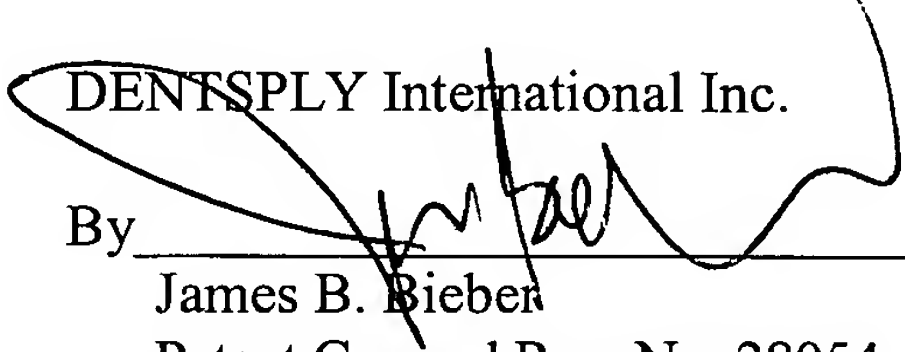
The Examiner in his Office Action requires restriction of inventions. Applicant elects Group I, Claims 17-30. Applicant reserves his right to re-file the non-elected claims in a subsequent application.

Should the Examiner care to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,

DENTSPLY International Inc.

By

  
James B. Bieber

Patent Counsel Reg. No. 28054

Tel.: (717) 849-4514

Attachment